Salato Wildlife **Education Center**

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September - November 2006

Fall Sale in the Kentucky Afield Gift Shop **September 16 – 31**

15% OFF all merchandise

Except already discounted items!

Holiday Sale in the Kentucky Afield Gift Shop November 28 - December 22

25% OFF all merchandise

Except already discounted items!

This is our best sale of the year and a great time to purchase unique gifts for that special sportsman or woman in your life.

FALL - SPRING HOURS (September 1 to May 31)

Monday: Closed Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, September 4 LABOR DAY Salato will be closed.

The Pea Ridge Loop Trail will be closed during Deer Modern gun (Nov. 11-26) and Muzzleloader seasons (Oct. 21 and 22 and Dec. 9-17). The HabiTrek Trail will remain open.



New Additions, New Opportunities



Rhonda Smith adds aquatic life to a mural in the new Discovery Room.

What's new? Salato staff, volunteers, and kind donors have been working very hard in 2006 to bring you new additions to your experience. First, you may notice the teal room near the Kentucky Watershed Map. We call it the **Discovery Room** and it is full animals and artifacts to intrigue even the most knowledgeable Salato visitor. This space will be used for school groups. weekend programs, and rainy days. Please call or stop by the front desk for

PROGRAMS WITH **FEWER THAN FIVE** PEOPLE REGISTERED are subject to cancellation.

activity schedule.

Second, for all you educators, we have a new outdoor classroom scheduled to open September 1. Built for us as a community service project by the employees of EON (parent company of L.G.&E. and K.U.). It is located near the entrance to the HabiTrek Trail. We have designed Teacher Field Kits to be used in conjunction with the classroom or any visit at Salato. Each pack has activities and materials for kids to use as they study subjects like birds, bugs, and plants. These backpacks can be checked out at the front desk free of charge.

We invite you take this fall to come and explore the animals and habitats here at Salato. Enjoy the autumn colors and exciting activities today!

Monday, September 4

LABOR DAY

Salato will be CLOSED!

September 9 Scout Appreciation Day

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: Free! Limit: None

Participants: All ages are

welcome.

Hey Scouts! Salato wants to thank you for your support and regular visitation. Join us for the fist Scout appreciation day. Try out archery or the tomahawk throw, talk with a biologist, and go on a nature hike. Try your hand at one of our wildlife trivia. Pack a lunch and go fishing in one of our stocked lakes. **No registration required.**

September 13 Brown Bag Lunch-Tree Stand Safety

Time: Noon - 1 p.m. Cost: Free! Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome! Great for state employees.



Hunting seasons for 2006 are approaching

quickly. Do you know how to be safe in a tree stand? Join Hunter Education Instructor, George Mountjoy, for a lesson in safety. We will show you several types of stands and discuss real-life situations in the woods. Bring your lunch. No registration required.

September 16 Basic Fishing for Adults

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$8 Limit: 15

Participants: Adults

Want to take a kid fishing, but not sure how to get started? Here's your chance to get the basics of fishing with a professional. Join Lee McClellen, fishing junkie and Kentucky Afield Magazine writer, as we explore some great "get on the water" techniques you can share with folks of any age. We'll provide a light lunch (hot dogs, potato chips, and drinks) and all the equipment you need. Registration and pre-

payment are required.

Tuesday, September 12

Division Staff Meeting

Salato will be CLOSED!

September 30 So, You Want To Be A Biologist?! Law Enforcement

Time: 1 - 3 p.m. Cost: \$10 Limit: 15

Participants: Ages 15-18, Great for scouts and any young adults interested in pursuing a career in biology.

So, you want to be a wildlife biologist and you don't want to handle fish or bears?! **KDFWR Law Enforcement** officers will show you some techniques used in understanding and enforcing game laws across the state. You will see equipment, K-9 demonstration, and learn other techniques these brave men and women use everyday. Wear old clothes and bring your sense of adventure! Registration and pre-payment are required.

October 7 Medicinal Plants

Time: 1 – 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$ 10

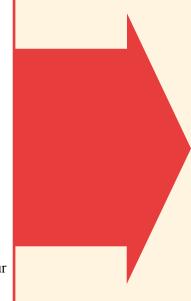
Limit: 20

Participants: Adults

The Lewis and Clark
expedition across North
America was not without
hazards and had to rely on
the plants around them.
Cuts, wounds, bruises,
insect and spider bites are
just a few minor injuries
experienced on their trip.
Learn about some of the
botanical plants found
during their trip as well as
common medicinal plants
you can find and grow in
your own back yard for your

A Call for Halloween Sponsors!

The Halloween Walk With the Animals is close approaching! Last year this popular event drew nearly 8,000 visitors. If your business or civic organization would like to sponsor a booth or make a monetary or in-kind donation of goods or services, we want to hear from you! Contact us at 502-564-7863 today!





September 23 and 24



Celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day!

Time: All Day Cost: Free! Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome!

Did you know that conservation in Kentucky is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations? It's true. License dollars fund grassland restoration, wetland construction, the reintroduction of native species like elk and river otters, purchase of land for wildlife management areas, and the management of all of our Kentucky wildlife and their habitats. This weekend at Salato we're celebrating hunters, anglers, and boaters! Join us for activities and exhibits for all ages! Learn about the natural history of some of our native big game, check out working traps, radio collars, and other gear used by biologists to study Kentucky's resident wildlife. Sample some of the great food from the Game Cookoff (details below). Tie a fly or take one of several Wildlife Trivia Quizzes. Kids can get weighed, measured, and tagged like a bear! Historic reinactors will also be present to teach young and old about the firearms used by our ancestors. Want to know more? Call us for more details and we'll see you here! **No registration required.**

September 23

Salato's Wild Game Cookoff!

Time: 11a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost: Free to taste or to cook

Limit: None

Participants: All ages are welcome!

Calling all cooks! Do you bake a mean venison roast? Is your fish batter so good you have to beat your neighbors off with a stick at supper time? Does your wild turkey rival Martha Stewart's best recipe? ... Want to show this off in a fun and friendly competition? Well, now is your chance. Come out to our first annual Salato Wild Game Cook-off! The cooks will be the judges (so you get at least one vote!), and everyone can come sample the competition. Our only requirement is that your dish include game meat. Prizes will be awarded. **Registration is required to cook.**

September 23

The Great Salato Target-Athlon for Kids! (Ages 13-15)

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Limit: 40 boys and 40 girls

Participants: Boys and girls aged 13-15. Great for Scouts!

Register now to participate in our 3rd annual archery, tomahawk, and air gun Target-Athlon! Even if you've never shot a bow or thrown a tomahawk before, you still have a chance to compete and win a prize in this all-day, walk-up contest. Experts will be on hand to offer instruction to kids who are new to the sport, and a few practice shots will be allowed before scores are counted. You can spend the day, or stay long enough to compete in each activity. Prizes will be awarded in each target category for each class (boys and girls), as well as "Best Overall" trophy for the kid with the highest overall score. All contestants will receive a patch just for participating! Bring your own lunch. Awards ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at the Butterfly Amphitheater. **Registration and prepayment are required.**

September 24

The Great Salato Target-Athlon for Kids! (Ages 10-12)

Time: 1 - 4 p.m. Cost: \$10

Limit: 40 boys and 40 girls

Participants: Boys and girls aged 10-12. Great for Scouts!

This shorter version of the Target-Athlon is designed for slightly younger children. All of the rules are the same, but in the interest of time, participants will compete in archery and air guns only. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**



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'natural home pharmacy'. Dried herbs, tinctures and salves are a great way to preserve your herbs for winter use. Let us show you how and take some home. **Registration and prepayment required.**

October 7 Beginning Bow Hunting

Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Limit: 20

Participants: Anyone interested in learning to bow

hunt.

Ok, you have a bow and desire to hunt. Where do you begin? Join the experts for a one-day seminar from scouting and tree stands to trailing your game. This workshop is designed for the novice hunter to gain information and ask questions on every aspect of bow hunting. We will begin with scouting a spot and choosing a tree stand. Change this (Remove- Bring in your equipment and) Plan to stay all day for this comprehensive seminar. We will give you break for lunch. Registration and pre-payment are required.

October 14 Seed Propagation and Collection

Time: 2 - 4 p.m. Cost: \$10 Limit: 15

Participants: Adults

Did you ever grow beans in a milk can as a kid? Beans were selected because they germinate quickly and easily, but others require special treatments to trick them into thinking they've reached the right conditions to start growing. Join KDFWR's Native Plant Program Coordinator. Mary Carol Cooper, for an introduction to collecting, preparing, storing, and growing your own native plants from seed. She'll show you tricks of the trade, like how to treat seeds that must pass through a digestive tract before they'll grow. What about those that like to over-winter for a while? She's got that covered too! Imitating nature isn't as hard as you might think once you know where to begin! You'll get to keep some of the seeds vou collect to start your own native plant habitat at home! Registration and pre-

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Check out our Calendar of Events
ONLINE at fw.ky.gov.
Just click on "Upcoming
Events" to search for happenings at Salato, or across the state!

Even better, you'll receive **10% off** the price of Salato programs and events when you present your valid Kentucky hunting or fishing license!

October 14 Field Dressing Large and Small Game

Time: 1 – 5 p.m. Cost: \$10 Limit: None Participants: Anyone interested in learning how to field dress game!

Fall hunting season is gearing up again. If you love to hunt and want pointers on how to process your game here's your chance! Join KDFWR biologists to see how the pros field dress animals like deer, squirrel, rabbit and fowl! We will cover proper technique, basic animal biology, what's normal to see while field dressing, and how best to handle the meat. Wear old clothes and bring your favorite recipes to share. Registration and pre-payment are required.

October 15 Cleaning and Preparing Fish

Time: 2 – 4 p.m. Cost: \$10 Limit: None

Participants: All ages are

welcome!

So, you caught a mess of fish. Now what? Come to Salato and let the experts show you how to clean scaled and non-scaled fish and then, how to prepare your filets. Each participant will get to taste the catch and will receive an informational packet for Kentucky's waters.

Registration and prepayment are required.

October 18 Brown Bag Lunch-Food Along the Lewis and Clark Trail

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Cost: Free! Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome! Great for state employees.



Ever wondered what Lewis and Clark ate during

their 28 month journey across the country and back? Join Kentucky Humanities Council's Dr. Mark Sohn for a look into the food of these famous explorers. There will be samples, lots of recipes, and information to share, so bring your lunch and spend an hour learning about other cuisine. If you have not joined us for a brown bag lunch, don't miss this one! No registration required.

October 28 KDFWR Hunter Education

Time: 8 a.m. to finish

Cost: Free Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome!

Need your orange hunter safety card? This is the official 10 hour course that consists of firearm identification, ethics, wildlife identification, proper use of ammunition, and much more. Completion of this course is a mandatory requirement for all hunters born after 1973. **No registration required.**

November 4 and 5 Hide Tanning

Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Saturday) and 1-4 p.m.

(Sunday) Cost: \$45 Limit: 8

Participants: Adults.

Native Americans used hides for clothing, shelter and many other uses. Join Tressa Brown for a lesson in tanning. Learn the traditional method for creating soft buckskin from a fresh deer hide. Participants will work in groups and can take home some of the hide they complete. All tools will be provided. Saturday we will be stretching and fleshing the hide. On Sunday, we will break or soften the leather. Bring your lunch and we will break to eat. May be cancelled due to bad weather. Registration and pre-payment are required.

November 4 Bird Hunting 101

Time: 2 - 4 p.m. Cost: \$8 Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome!

So you want to hunt grouse or quail and don't know where to start? Join KDFWR biologist and avid bird hunter, Brian Smith, and his dog, Belle, for an afternoon of basic hunting tips and treasures to help you get started. Dress for the weather, we will be inside and outside. **Registration and pre-**

payment are required.

November 8 Brown Bag Lunch-WILD About Elk

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Cost: Free! Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome! Great for state employees.



Did you know that Kentucky has the largest elk

herd east of the Mississippi River? We will explore habitat requirements, learn KY's herd facts, current research, and make an elk call. Take a moment to walk out and hear Salato's resident bull elk bugle for mates. So, bring your lunch and join us as we go wild for elk. **No registration** required.

> Friday, November 10

Veteran's Day

Salato will be CLOSED!

November 11 Frankfort's Lewis and Clark

Time: 1-2 p.m. Cost: Free! Limit: None

Participants: All ages are

welcome!

Frankfort has a rich history and many famous residents and visitors, including Lewis and Clark. Join Liberty Hall's Nicole Markle for a look at Frankfort's exciting ties to the past. Listen as history comes alive and figures from the past rejoin Frankfort. **No registration required.**

If you are an explorer by nature, be sure to check out the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St. Charles at Riverfront Park in Frankfort, KY from November 9-11. The reenactors will construct an 1803-era encampment featuring educational demonstrations and handson activities. For more information, please call 502-564-5135 ext. 4478.

November 11 Lewis and Clark Kid's Journaling

Time: 1 - 4 p.m. Cost: Free! Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome!

Lewis and Clark have taught us the importance of keeping good records. We have examined their journals and have learned a lot of information about plants, animals, people and places along the trail. Kids, come by Salato today to create a journal and document your adventures! Stop by anytime from 1-4 p.m. and take home your memories in your journal. **No registration required.**



Don't forget...

November 15 is

America Recycle's

Day. Do your

part to keep our

waste to a minimum!

Thursday,
November 23
through Sunday,
November 26

THANKSGIVING

Salato will be CLOSED!

December 3 Kids' Holiday Crafts

Time: 1 – 4 p.m. Cost: \$ 10 Limit: 10

Participants: Ages 5-8 years.

Hey kids, are you looking for something to do? Do you need to get a present for someone special? Then join us for a day of creative holiday crafts such a snowman candy dish and snowflake candle holder. We will have projects that you can keep for yourself or give away. You can even make a gift bag to put your gifts in! Registration and pre-payment are required.

Are <u>you</u> interested in volunteer or internship opportunities?

If so, we could use you! Call 502-564-7863 and ask for Mark Watkins or visit our website for more information.

Go to fw.ky.gov and click on "Salato".

CHECK OUT!



"ALL WILD ABOUT KENTUCKY'S ENVIRONMENT"

(AWAKE) website

AWAKE is a new website for all Kentuckians! It is a site with many different kinds of information for all audiences: students, teachers, hunters, anglers, and all who love and want to know more about Kentucky's environment.

Visit http://www.kentuckyawake.org to check it out!

Want to support the Salato Wildlife Education Center or the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife?

Even if you don't hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in conserving Kentucky's abundant wildlife resources is the purchase of a hunting and/or fishing license. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources offers its diverse services to all Kentuckians without relying on general tax fund dollars. Department operations are funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses!

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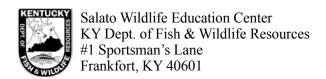
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CALLING ALL EDUCATORS...

our instructor led programs and picnic shelter scheduling are now on-line! If you are planning to bring a group to Salato, check out our website at *fw.ky.gov*. We have updated the resources available to you on-line, so see what's new today.



The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located on the grounds of the headquarters of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Frankfort, on US 60, two miles west of US 127.

SUPPORT THE SALATO WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER Donate to the KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Support the Salato Wildlife Education Center and Kentucky's wildlife resources – donate to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Your assistance will help to assure quality wildlife education statewide and at the Salato Center. We can't do it without you! The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations, and by the generous donations of people like you!

Donations in excess of \$5, and all contributions, are deemed to have been made to a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization and are tax deductible.

Corporate donations

Major contributors may donate at the Bronze (\$10,000 to \$49,999), Silver (\$50,000 to \$99,999), or Gold (\$100,000 or more) level. For more information, contact us by calling (859) 231-8780.

Thank you for supporting Kentucky youth!

Send to: Susan Saufley, Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Foundation, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 www.kentuckywildlife.com